

**Rush University Medical Center
Graduate Medical Education**

**POLICY ON EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES
FOR PAIN MEDICINE TRAINING PROGRAM**

Rush University Medical Center, through sponsorship by the Department of Anesthesiology, provides support to one Pain Medicine training program. Because pain medicine is a multidisciplinary approach to a common problem, the ACGME requires that there be an institutional policy governing the educational resources committed to pain medicine. This policy ensures cooperation of all involved disciplines.

Effective July 2007, there may be only one ACGME-accredited pain medicine program within a sponsoring institution, and a single multidisciplinary fellowship committee to regularly review the program's resources and its attainment of its stated goals and objectives.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the educational training experience for the sponsored pain medicine program complies with the common and program-specific RRC requirements, and that the allocation of clinical and other resources is monitored.

Monitoring and compliance

The program will perform an annual review of program effectiveness. The Designated Institutional Official (DIO) and the GME Committee (GMEC) will monitor educational resources committed to the pain medicine training program through the Internal Review process, and the Annual Rush Housestaff Survey.

If difficulties in the distribution of resources committed to pain medicine training are identified, the DIO will meet with members of the program involved to assess the issues and to recommend corrective action.

Any request for program changes in pain medicine would be reviewed through customary GME processes.

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